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Sent: Thursday, October 03, 2013 1:40 PM
To: Weitzler, Ellen
Subject: RE: Maine angler survey
Attachments: CHEM6_DAT_1of2_A.xls; CHEM6_DAT_2of2_B.xls; MaineConsumingAnglers.xls; Users Guide.pdf

Ellen,

I am attaching several things.

First, there are two excel spreadsheets. These include the raw data from the survey. They are large files so the first set of questions is in the first file and the second set of questions is in the second. These can be tied by the angler id in the first column.

I am also attaching the results of the survey (in terms of consumption rates). These are only for those individuals who consumed so it is not a complete list of all participants. However, again, these can be cross-referenced by the angler ID so if you want to look at the Native American respondents, you can identify the IDs from the bigger dataset and then filter the second file to get those individuals and their consumption rates.

Finally, I am attaching a scan of the user's guide to the data, which will help you interpret the data. It has, at the back, a list of the water bodies fished so you can interpret the results of question 21. It is important to keep in mind, however, that unless the individual indicated that he/she only fished a single water body, the fish consumed cannot be attributed to a specific water body and various portions of the catch and/or consumption rates may have come from different water bodies if the individual fished multiple water bodies. Thus, you cannot tie the fish consumption rates to specific water bodies or tie specific responses to other questions to specific water bodies.

FYI, we discovered that page 4 of the users guide is missing and we don't have it. This pertains to question 11 of the survey. However, the question is pretty straightforward if you need to look at it so it should be clear what the responses indicate.

If there is anything else I can assist you with, please feel free to let me know.

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From: Weitzler, Ellen [<mailto:Weitzler.Ellen@epa.gov>]
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Hi Ellen,

Thank you very much for the survey questions. I was able to find some data tables that were sent here to support Superfund work in the Housatonic. These cover questions regarding fish species consumed, sharing of fish and the type of water bodies that fish came from.

Do you have a master spreadsheet with responses to all the questions? In addition to the data that we have, we are also interested in consumption from specific water bodies respondents fished from (question 21) and regarding fish consumption in water bodies with fish advisories (questions 38-44).

Thanks.

Ellen

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From: Ellen Ebert [<mailto:eebert@integral-corp.com>]
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Good morning Ellen,

I took a look at the survey this morning and I'm afraid that I was incorrect about the zip code information being collected as part of the survey questionnaire. This was not the case. We would have had the zip code information because it was a mail survey but that was not retained in the data entry phase.

I am attaching the questionnaire itself. You will see that question 47 asks about ethnic background (response 3 is Native American). There was no more detailed information collected about specific tribes.

I cannot seem to find the specific information as to which waters had advisories to confirm but my recollection was that they were those sections of the Androscoggin, Kennebec, Penobscot and St. Croix Rivers that were below the paper mills. That involved about 200 miles of river combined. The advisories for were dioxin alone, at the time, and there were no other advisory waters at the time of the survey.

I am attaching the survey instrument itself so that you can see how information was collected. Region 1 should already have the data as they were used when evaluating fish consumption from the Housatonic River. Please let me know if there is additional information that you need.

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